

# Agenda – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 6 July 2017

Meeting time: 10.00

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## Private pre-meeting (10.00 – 10.15)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Inquiry into forestry and woodland policy in Wales – oral evidence session with Natural Resources Wales

(10.15 – 11.15)

(Pages 1 – 72)

Michelle Van-Velzen, Sustainable Land Management Team Leader

Peter Garson, Head of Commercial Operations

### Attached Documents:

Research Brief

Briefing paper on woodland creation in Europe

Written evidence from Natural Resources Wales

## Break (11.15 – 11.30)



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Wales

### **3 Inquiry into forestry and woodland policy in Wales – oral evidence session with Welsh Government**

(11.30 – 12.30)

(Pages 73 – 159)

Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs  
Chris Lea, Deputy Director of Land, Nature and Forestry  
Bill MacDonald, Head of Forest Resources Policy Branch

#### **Attached Documents:**

Written evidence from Welsh Government (8 pages)

Woodlands in Wales Action Plan (54 pages)

Action plan progress as at June 2017 (21 pages)

### **4 Paper(s) to note**

**Letter from the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee regarding one day inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales**

(Pages 160 – 161)

#### **Attached Documents:**

Letter from the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

**Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee regarding changes to the budget process**

(Pages 162 – 163)

#### **Attached Documents:**

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee

**Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales on its Annual Report and Accounts 2015–16**

(Pages 164 – 170)

**Attached Documents:**

Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee

**Letter from Andrew RT Davies AM on the Rural Development Programme Wales**

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**Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs with further evidence on the management of Marine Protected Areas**

(Pages 172 – 188)

**Attached Documents:**

Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

**Additional evidence from Confor on forestry and woodland policy in Wales**

(Pages 189 – 195)

**Attached Documents:**

Additional evidence from Confor

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

Item 6 of this meeting and the entirety of the Committee's next meeting on 12 July.

On 12 July, the Committee will consider the implications of the Great Repeal Bill, the terms of reference for a forthcoming inquiry into food and drink, and the Committee's draft report on the management of Marine Protected Areas.

**Lunch (12.30 – 13.00)**

**6 Inquiry into forestry and woodland policy in Wales – discussion of key issues**

(13.00 – 14.00)